NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

Compartment 265 East Calcasieu R.D.

Bids will be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA on July 15, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

LOCATION: This sale is located approximately five (5) miles east of Pickering, LA in T1N R8W, Sections 34 & 35 and T1S R8W Sections 3 & 4, of Vernon Parish. It is in the Intensive Use Area (IUA) for military activity, and the timber may be contaminated with shrapnel.

INCLUDED TIMBER: The sale area consists of about 631 acres, of which an estimated 448 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains nine (9) Payment Units, eight (8) of which are marked thinning units (Payment Units 1-4, 6-9), and one (1) of which is a designation by spacing thinning (Payment Unit 5), which allows the purchaser to cut and remove smaller diameter trees and leave the larger trees on a specific spacing of approximately 20 x 20 feet. The trees designated for cutting are described as those meeting the Utilization Standards and the following criteria: 1) if the tree is within 15 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting; and 2) all trees within skid corridors which are no more than 14 feet wide and no closer than 70 feet apart measured center to center. There are no RCW trees in this sale. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

LENGTH OF CONTRACT: The Contract termination date will be **December 31, 2017**.

FORM AD-3030-FS: Corporations submitting an offer under this solicitation must include form AD-3030-FS Representations Regarding Felony Conviction and Tax Delinquent Status for Corporate Applicants. The form is located behind Page 5 of the Bid for Advertised Timber.

EROSION CONTROL: The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 7 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$3,023.49**.

PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE: The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 1.04 miles of Forest Service roads 416A, 421, and V256G prior to hauling. The work includes placing 650 tons of crushed aggregate on these roads. A cost allowance of **\$32,094.95** is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information.

ROAD MAINTENANCE: The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of \$0.03 per CCF (approximately \$182.21) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$385.18 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

SLASH DISPOSAL: In Payment Units 1 through 9, Slash Disposal will be required in areas where slash accumulation is higher than 2 feet.

All interested bidders should investigate the sale area and the sample contract prior to submission of bids, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact the District Office at (318) 793-9427 if you have any questions about this sale.